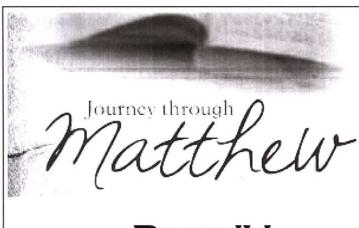


Sunday, September 21, 2014 15th Pentecost



PART IV

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MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

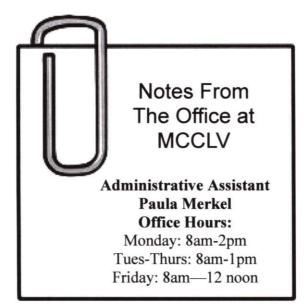
Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing



Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative
Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to office@mcclv.org more information.

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV is required to email avteam@mcclv.org at least 2 weeks in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is Wednesday at noon – email to office@mcclv.org



MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search MCC Lehigh Valley. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office.

Thank you for your cooperation!

September is "Special Welcome Month" at MCCLV

All are encouraged to bring a friend to Church so they too may experience the energy of MCCLV's worship and the fellowship of our radically inclusive Christian community in the Lehigh Valley.



Stewardship Team Meets 4th Sunday of Month

MCCLV's Stewardship Team meets the 4th Sunday of the

month at 9:00am. Come to these great gatherings and help plan things like the church's annual pledge drive. All are welcome to participate.

Contact Jim Harbst at jim.harbst@icloud.com for more information.



Quote Of The Day

Judging a person does not define who they are, it defines who you are.

(unknown)

Donations Of Fresh Produce Needed

Following worship service September 21st and 28th, MCCLV will be holding a Free Market for our neighbors. If you have extra produce from your garden, please consider donating it to the market.

Contact Barb Baus at barb.baus@mcclv.org or see her after worship for more details





Behold I am always with you (Matthew 28:20)

Mark Your Calendar!



Give thanks Open House Loreli Bauer's home Saturday, November 1, 2014

Details to follow

FOOD PANTRY

The current OWL's Nest Pantry will be closed on September 21, 2014.

On September 28, 2014 we will be reopening as part of the Second Harvest network of Food Banks. We will be open on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm and will be distributing food in the library.

Please think about volunteering one Sunday a month or once every couple of months. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions,

please contact



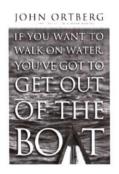
Saadia Negron at saadia.negron@yahoo.com or Judy McNally at njm0@Lehigh.edu.



Adult Spiritual Formation

Continuing until October 19, 2014, Karl Steiner will present a study of John Ortberg's book

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat.



"Far too many of us have put our faith in a casual Christianity that never compels us to leave our comfort zones. But, deep within our hearts we know that Christ has not called us to comfort, but to an exciting, sacrificial and overwhelmingly fulfilling faith. In this book, John Ortberg teaches us how

to step out of the "boat" of casual Christianity so we can faithfully follow the Lord who is calling us out onto the risky, exciting waters of the high seas."

Participants are encouraged to purchase the book on Amazon for \$9.68 or the electronic version for \$9.20. Pre reading is not essential, but you will get more out of the study if you get the book and read ahead.

MCCLV Retirees are Gathering

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, MCCLV Retirees meet from 9:30am to 11:00am in MCCLV's Fellowship Hall.

Come and join the laughter and conversation.

Contact George Cabot, george.cabot@yahoo.com, or Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org,



Policy & Procedure Committee

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety of the church's children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to equip MCCLV with the proper tools to be the place God is calling the church to be?

Meets 4th Sundays

For more information, please see

Emma Marrero: emma.marrero@kidspeace.org



OCTOBER FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING CHANGE

There will <u>not</u> be a meeting of the Fundraising Committee on Sunday, October 5, 2014. The next meeting of this

Committee will be on

Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 12:15 pm.



Questions, please speak to Sue Carpenter.

Help Out MCCLV's Pastor

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months August - September, 2014. A group is



needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also if you have experience with the publishing industry or using a literary agent, email the Pastor.

DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. MCCLV is hosting Elaine Ely, a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the areas of end-of-life issues, loss and grief.

Her current hours at the church are: Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm (other hours can be arranged upon request). For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.

Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.

FOOD CONCESSION FOR SATURDAY'S SINGSPIRATION CONCERT

Before and during the Saturday, September 28, 2014 evening concert of Singspiration ,MCCLV's Fundraising Committee will host a food concession stand. Saadia Negron and crew have agreed to share their wonderful cooking talents with us. So, come hungry and plan to spend a bit of money to feast on these yummy treats!

- Pastelillos
- Perogies
- Seasoned Corn on the Cob (like at the Fair)
- Virgin Pina Coladas (no alcohol)
- Sodas

100% of the profit raised will benefit MCCLV's General Fund



Word Alive Ministry

WORD ALIVE (formerly, the Worship Arts Ministry) will be meeting on **Sunday September 28**, **2014 at 12:15pm** for



those who are currently involved and those who are interested in becoming a part of this creative ministry of bringing the Scriptures to life.

If you are interested, please contact Dean Hiatt in person or at dean.hiatt@mcclv.org.

"Extraordinary Friends" Sunday School Class Forming

A new spiritual growth opportunity will be offered to young adults in need of a more concrete approach to learning about God's Word and God's role in their lives.

Programming will consist of two areas for growth. The first will be learning how we

experience God's love for us and how we live a life dedicated to

God. The second area will focus on being good stewards of God's earth by taking responsibility for the "Green Team" at MCCLV.

Classes will meet at 9am every Sunday Questions or to join this group, please see Barb Baus or Sue Carpenter.



.Want to Grow in Wisdom and Knowledge?

Make a six night commitment this coming Autumn that will transform your life! Join in a six-part Adult Bible Study, meeting Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Get an in-depth look at six important New Testament letters and be forever changed!

October 15: Galatians
October 22: Ephesians
October 29: Philippians
November 5: Colossians

November 12: 1 Thessalonians November 19: 2 Thessalonians



Let the Word of God Transform You.

Singspiration 2014

Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley 930 North 4th Street, First Floor, Allentown, PA 18102 610-709-8800 www.mcclv.org

"Singin' With the Saints" Free Concert

Saturday, September 27 @ 6:00pm



Hosted By:
MCCLV Music and Worship Director Brian Jones
and Dean Hiatt

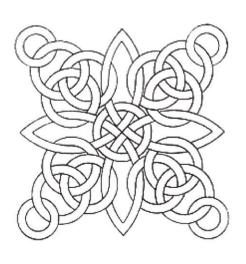
Featuring:

Anthony Young & Unity of the Lehigh Valley Choir
Minister Cheryl Bragg
Mike Swartz and the Voices of Spirit
Wanda Brothers
Brian Jones and B.A.S.I.C.

For more info contact: Brian.jones@mcclv.org

MCCLV Members Aim For 10%!

Weekly Pledge Guidelines					
Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%	
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4	
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10	
\$750	\$75	\$37	\$30	\$15	
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20	
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30	
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40	







SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2014

Doors Open Drawing Begins at 9 AM at 12 NOON

American Club of Coplay Pavilion 300 Cherry Street Coplay, PA 18037

TICKET PRICE: \$25.00 (non-refundable) Includes Tailgate Party Luncheon

To pre-purchase tickets (space is limited)
Email: TrickyTrayMCCLV@gmail.com
or see a Tricky Tray Committee Member

Personal checks at the door require photo ID MasterGard and VISA accepted day of event

Fabulous Prizes to Win!
Flat Screen LCD/HDTV
Lenovo Laptop
Microsoft Surface
eReader
Dyson Vacuum
Keurig Coffee Maker
Blue Ray Player
Children's Electronics
Coach Purse
Cookware
Lottery Ticket Trees

Fantastic Gift Cards!
Cash Prizes!
Door Prizes!

All proceeds raised will benefit the Communities and Missions served by:

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TRICKY TRAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IT PAYS TO VOLUNTEER!

The Tricky Tray Committee needs volunteers to help before and on the day of the event. Volunteers are needed on **Friday**, **November 7**th to transport baskets and set up the event space. Volunteers are needed on **Saturday**, **November 8**th to sell raffle tickets for each prize category and to assist with prize running during the drawing portion of the day.

Lastly, we need volunteers to canvas the Lehigh Valley with posters for the event (local businesses, supermarkets, daycares, etc. please get the store owner/management's permission before posting a sign).

Those volunteering during the event on the 8th will receive \$26 in perks and our eternal gratitude!

Day-of-Event Volunteers get: reduced priced \$20 admission ticket and lunch (value \$5), 5 Purple tickets (value \$5), 3 Orange tickets (value \$9) and 1 Yellow ticket (value \$7) for a total value of \$26.

Please contact Jenn LaTorre at jlaroux2002@yahoo.com or see her following worship to sign up. Thank you!

TRICKY TRAY CORPORATE DONATIONS AND POSTERS

Please help the Tricky Tray Committee by taking corporate donation letters to all the businesses you frequent (hairdresser, bank, restaurants/bars, real estate agent, mechanic, florist, accountant, lawyer, etc.) and personally asking them to support MCCLV by either donating an item, service, or gift certificate for inclusion in a basket OR placing an ad in the event program booklet. Donation letters are available following service. The letter includes the sizes and costs for placing advertisements in the program.

See Sue Carpenter or any member of the Tricky Tray Committee for letters or posters.

TRICKY TRAY TICKETS ON SALE BEGINNING SUNDAY, 9/21!!!!

Come out and have a fun time while hopefully winning a great prize! Invite your friends, families, neighbors and co-workers! The venue can accommodate 25 tables which is 200 people. The committee welcomes the problem of "overselling" the house!

Questions or to buy tickets, please see Wendy Bitterman or any member of the Tricky Tray Committee following worship.

Early Morning Prayer -- Every Sunday at 8:00 AM -- MCCLV's Prayer Room

Prayer Develops Our Relationship with God.

If we never speak to our friends or never listen to anything they might have to say to us, our relationships will quickly deteriorate. It is the same way with God. Prayer - communicating with God helps us grow closer and more intimately connected with God.

Zechariah 13:9

I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure, just as gold and silver are refined and purified by fire. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'These are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.' (NLT)



AV Team Needs You!



Do you enjoy techie things? Interested in how the technology at MCCLV comes together?

See Jeff Hayes or e-mail avteam@mcclv.org for more details.

Congregational Care

Are you in need of care -- a sister or brother in Christ to pray with you, visit you in the hospital or your home, listen to your spiritual needs? MCCLV is here to help you through life's challenges. Please contact Karl Steiner at karl.steiner@mcclv.org.



MCCLV is collecting donations for food cards

2nd Sunday of the month after the worship service. Consider purchasing a gift card from Giant, Redners or Weis or making a donation to help those in great need of reducing their grocery store bills.



Are you in need of individual prayer?



MCCLV's Prayer Room is reserved every Sunday after Worship for intercessory prayer. See Loreli Bauer who will arrange a deacon to pray with you.

You may also email Loreli: lorelibauer@aol.com

Congregational Forum <u>Today</u>

12:00 noon potluck followed by 12:30-2:00pm Forum

MCCLV's Board of Directors will be providing an update on the state of our union, introducing MCCLV's 2015 proposed budget and presenting updates on all MCCLV's committees. ALL congregants are invited and welcome for discussion, questions, ideas, concerns, input, feedback, and approvals. Looking forward to seeing everyone of you there.

Coverages During Pastor's Sabbatical



MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy is on Sabbatical during the months of August & September, 2014 (and January, 2015).

Below is a listing of coverages:

Serving as Ministry Coordinator Meetings Facilitator:

Brian Jones (brian.jones@mcclv.org)

Serving as Board Moderator:

Emma Marrero (autleaves@aol.com)

Serving as Church-Share Point Person:

Emma Marrero (autleaves@aol.com)

Serving as Staff Meeting Facilitator:

Brian Jones (brian.jones@mcclv.org)

Serving as Preachers:

Rev. Jen Glass, Randy D'Angelo, Robert Schotter

Serving as Main Worship Leader:

Karl Steiner (karl.steiner@mcclv.org)

Serving as Care Coordinator

(hospitalizations, home visits, etc.): Karl Steiner (karl.steiner@mcclv.org)

Serving as Weddings & Funerals Officiant:

Rev. Elaine Ely (pastor elaine@yahoo.com)

Serving as Bulletin Editor:

Lauren Sheldon (laurenesheldon@gmail.com)

Serving as e-Listserve Editor:

Barb Colvin (bjc7500@yahoo.com)

FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group <u>is</u> a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on <u>transformation</u> and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.



Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

***Contact group leaders to learn more ***



FORGE West Leaders: Scott George smgmcclv@gmail.com Ron Smith rsmith.mcclv@gmail.com





FORGE South Leaders:
Loreli Bauer lorelibauer@aol.com
Elaine Ely pastor elaine@yahoo.com





FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus
babaus@hotmail.com
Lauren Sheldon
laurenesheldon@gmail.com



Spiritual Drum Circle: Six Sunday Series

Six Sundays: Oct 12 & 26; Nov 9 & 30; Dec 14 & 18



Meeting in the MCCLV's Sanctuary from 1:30-2:30pm. Join us for a relaxed, fun exploration of spirit through group drumming hosted by Raea. Nurture the connection between you and Spirit, others and your higher self. But be warned: exposure to drumming may cause sudden outbursts of joy, happiness, energy, creativity, awareness

and spontaneous healing!

No experience is necessary. If you have a drum or percussion instrument, please bring it. Some instruments will be available to share. Have questions? Join us at an informational session on **Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 12:15** or contact Barb at



MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!

To view and subscribe to our channel go to www.youtube.com and search MCC LV.

MCCLV's Prayer Team

If you have an urgent prayer request, please email the Prayer Team at prayer.team@mcclv.org. Your prayer need will go out to over 70

need will go out to over 70 people who are on MCCLV's Prayer Team. Also, if you'd like to be on this dedicated team, please let MCCLV know by emailing the Prayer



MCCLV's Annual Free Market



Free Fruits and Vegetables

September 21 & 28 1:00pm—2:00pm (While Supplies Last)

This event is an outreach to MCCLV's Neighbors and Surrounding Community

Contact Barb Baus @ barb.baus@mcclv.org to donate, volunteer or for more info.



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UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

16th Pentecost: September 28, 2014@10:30am

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100 Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: "Sing Praises to God"

17th Pentecost: October 5, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy Sermon Title: "Harvest Gratitude"

18th Pentecost: October 12, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: "Harvest Reconciliation"

19th Pentecost: October 19, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy Sermon Title: "Harvest Generosity"

20th Pentecost: October 26, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings Matthew 22:34-40 & Exodus 22:21-27

Preaching: Robert Schotter

Sermon Title: "Finding God's Love in the Face

of the Stranger"

All Saints: November 2, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: 1 John 3:1-3 & Revelation 7:9-17

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy Sermon Title: "Around The Throne"

Today's Scripture Reading:

Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last '

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is \$3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
9/21/2014	84	\$1,256.51
9/14/2014	80	\$2,491.18
9/07/2014	72	\$2,212.55
8/24/2014	84	\$4,860.55

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:

Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org

20s30s Young Men's Group, G.I.F.T. Young Women's Group, MCCLV Retirees, HIV Support, Drumming Circle, Fellowship, Visitor Team, Prayer Team, Reconciliation & Affirmation, Grief Counseling & Deacon Care

Spiritual Formation:

See Rev. Goudy for more information

FORGE Groups, Adult Spiritual Formation and Children & Youth Spiritual Formation

Outreach & Justice:

Barb Baus | barb.baus@mcclv.org

Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Pantry and Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:

See Rev. Goudy for more information

Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre, Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith If you would like an item included on the Board agenda see any Board Member

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Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby, Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

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